FAIRBANKS-CANNON **ALLIANCE WORRIES** MANAGERS OF TAF

Vice President and Speaker Said to Be United After Fight.

One Stronger in Convention Gets Other's Delegates.

The double-jointed boom for Presiden Vice President Fairbanks and to a degree army officers consider dan-"Uncle Joe" Cannon is giving the Taft managers not a little concern just at present. The relations of the Vice President's candidacy and the Speaker's candidacy present all the appearance of a hard-and-fast alliance, of fensive and defensive, and while the Taft leaders believe they can overcome it they are nevertheless apprehensive

There has been a great deal of talk that the Fairbanks and Cannon booms were being conducted almost as one, and the recent visit of the Speaker to Missouri has served to emphasize it. At St. Louis Mr. Cannon was in conference with Thomas K. Niedringhaus agers for the Vice President.

Will Lend Delegates.

It is the understanding among poll agers are preparing, in case they see that their candilate cannot be nominated, to throw their delegates to the Speaker, and on the other hand that prepared to do the Vice President the same good turn in case it becomes apparent Mr. Cannon will not be the choice of the convention.

The Indiana men who are closest to the Vice President are on extremely friendly terms with "Uncle Joe." Particularly, Senator Hemenway and Representative Watson, both supporters of

threatening nature as to alarm his Secret Service men for a while watched over Mr. Cannon, The Vice President but he pleaded that he had no control over it, and the paper went on excoriating "Uncle Joe."
Presumably the Vice President has

been absolved from blame by the Speaker and his friends, since the two booms are working nicely in conjunc-

ported Taft on second choice, but they are in no mood for such a thing now. The bitter criticisms of Fairbanks that have appeared in certain publications in recent months are laid to some of Taft's supporters "higher up."

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As things stand now, the FairBanks leaders figure that the outside strength of their candidate on first ballot will and are expecting Tennessee and Kentucky, with votes in Texas, Alabama, and North Carolina. They lay claim to some New England votes, Senators Gallinger, Dillingham, and other well-known politicians being friendly. In addition, they look for some strength in the Northwest. the Northwest

Cannon Sure of Illinois. The Cannon leaders will have Illinois.

through the Speaker's strength with members of Congress. Particularly do the Cannon leaders calculate on secondchoice strength from this source.

The convention after the first ballot

might reach a situation in which the combined votes of Fairbanks and Cannon would make a formidable showing, made to prevent Cannon getting a delegation that he can trade with, but BLDRIDGE E. JORDAN, President. WALTER HIESTON, Vice President. the Speaker is not neglecting any op-

Why Hughes Is Withheld.

Governor Hughes has been withheld from entrance into the Presidential race as a member of an anti-Taft combination because certain big interests in New York were afraid to take up his

It has not yet been possible to get the details of the effort that was made to bring the New York governor prominently forward and to get the Empire State delegation for him, This much, however, is known:

and Fairbanks, being anxious that some favorite son get hold of the New York delegation, made representations to cermonly are deeply interested in big national politics, and asked them to set their machinery at work to secure New York for Hughes,

York for Hughes.

It was urged that unless Hughes were pushed actively into the contest, Taft would get a large part of New York, and that would almost insure his nomination. To prevent this, New York must be kept away from him, and Hughes was the man to do it. Then the fight would be the field against Taft, with a fair chance for everybody.

This overture, presented with a good deal of earnestness, was listened to by

ARMY LACKS REGIMENTS FOR DUTY IN CANAL ZONE

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fantry force of 35,000 men, but these are so scattered for service in the insular possessions, Alaska, and Cuba, as to leave but few infantry for actual duty in this country. If the two regiments go on the proposed expedition to Pan-ama there will be left less than 7,000 inwith dispatch to any threatened point in the United States. As the Infantry must in every sense be regarded as the backbone of the military force, this urally looked on by the War Depart-

the people addressed, and considered. | getting the South as fully into line for The conclusion was that it would be un-safe to press Hughes, because these in- Mr. Capers determined several days the Vice President, are also that friends of the Speaker, and if an Indiana man cannot get the nomination that may be relied on to throw their would prefer to take their chances with would prefer to take their chances with the control of the control of the same designation. It is a specifically done so. In some quarters these trength to the Cannon forces.

These relations have not always been than to do anything which should im-

to organize for Taft.

made by E. L. Phillipp, of Milwaukee. who is handling the enterprise. Mr. POLICE SEARCH HOSPITALS Phillipp was formerly a railroad employe, and then became a lobbyist. He is author of the railroad red book, a compilation of statistics which they used during the big Wisconsin fights Cooper, of the Logan, Thirteenth and O lobbyist for the Miwaukee brewing in-terests when they wanted the beer tax heard from him since Sunday morning.

Believed Latest Recruits To the Taft Band Wagon

A long conference held yesterday and outside of that are not making First Assistant Postmaster General, and many claims, but they expect to realize John G. Capers, Commissioner of Intera good many delegates on first ballot nal Revenue, has excited the politicians and lieutenants of various Presidential

Army officers are expressing grave company commanders have been giving concern over the great depletion of the much thought and study to the reasons nfantry force in the United States. for existing conditions. At the War De-They have been led to emphasize this partment it is told that one company concern, because officials of the War commander recently found that of and Navy Departments are trying to twenty-two men whose terms were to reach an agreement for the withdrawal expire the same day, but three would reach an agreement for the withdrawal of the marines from the isthmus of Panama and replacing them with two regiments of infantry.

The army is willing and anxious to perform the service, but there is naother side to it. To remove two regiments of infantry from the United States would reduce the infantry force to a degree army officers consider dangerous.

On paper the United States has an in-

Practice March Disliked.

The practice march is especially disliked by the infantry it appears. The tion by drill and think it useless to try field by miking them march long diston is credited with saying that to make men undergo ractice marches to kee; week in October because there was

chance for a famine in January.

Congress will be urged to increase the pay of the army. Efforts are also being male to increase the infantry force cannot be enlarged. The formation of a special service are hard to get and harder to retain. Desertions are numerous, but what is probably even more serious, old men whose terms have expired refuse to re-enlist. The result is that companies and other organizations are in many cases the merest skeletons. At some posts the situation is so bad that all the men in a battalion have to be assembled to get a full company together for drill purposes.

Owing to the depletion of the ranks, interested the pay of the army. Efforts are also being male to increase the infantry force cannot be enlarged. The formation of a special service corps is urged by army officers as essential to relieve the soldiers of doing unmilitary work, such as policing the kitchen and the camp and serving on cook detail. This corps would consist of men hired to do such unmilitary work as is now done by soldiers about camps and barracks. About the only measure touching the matters here enumerated that stands a show of enactment is the one for increase of pay. There is strong sentiment for this in the railitary committees of both House and Senate, and its supporters think 'Congress' will come to their relief.

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These relations have not always been so close. Back in the first session of the Fifty-ninth Congress there were bitter attacks on Speaker Cannon for his alleged opposition to the pure-food measure. These attacks were strongly helped on by an Indiana paper in which the Vice President was supposed by many to have an interest and whose policy he was reputed to control,

Received Threatening Letters.

The attacks aroused much feeling in the Central West, and letters from in-

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candidates.

From this conference has come the report that both have decided definitely to climb into the Taft band wagon. The Taft managers have been anxious to enlist their services for the purpose of the services for the services for the services for the purpose of the services for the

WM. P. MEREDITH, Secretary. 1

It is noticeable that Illinois has been allowed eight chairmanships of committees in the House, and there are other committee assignments that are charged with bearing a close relation to the Speaker's boom, as the assignment of Representative Sherman to Rules, Fordney of Michigan to Ways and Means, and some others. Fordney's district selected two Cannon delegates before the convention call was issued. They will have to be chosen again, but it is expected they will be for the Speaker. Why Hughes Is With the Cannon delegates before the convention call was issued. They will have to be chosen again, but it is expected they will be for the Speaker.

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